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A LETTER FROM THE CEO

WSGH Receives Deficiency Free Survey

The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) conducted a regular review at the Wayne Street Group Home (WSGH) in September. During the compliance review ODH reviews client files in great detail to ensure the home meets State and Federal regulations. They also observe staff working with individuals to ensure staff are following all plans and regulations. This can be an intimidating time for our staff. Emily Hoelscher, Director of Operation; Anna Rigney, Program Director; Wanda Fields, RN and Mackenzie Cox, Home Coordinator, spend a lot of time ensuring documentation is complete and organized for the reviews. All of our Direct Support Professionals work hard ensuring individuals plans are followed and ensure the individuals receive high quality care. This can be seen through positive, caring interactions staff have with the individuals. Staff provide emotional support when individuals are upset, when they have a bad dream and when they are worried. Staff celebrate with individuals when they are excited over something they have done, and they help individuals reach their goals. Direct Support Professionals perform many other tasks on a daily basis which further demonstrates that the individuals are receiving high quality care. Direct Support Professionals assist staff with getting to doctor appointments and out into the community for fun activities. They encourage individuals to follow doctor orders/recommendations. Direct Support Professionals can be seen cleaning constantly to help ensure the individuals have a clean and safe home to live in. The list goes on and on as to what Direct Support Professionals do on a daily basis.

I am very proud of all of our staff at MRSI. They have a very difficult and challenging role to fulfill. We have dedicated and caring staff making sure the individuals receive high quality care. The WSGH receiving a deficiency free survey from the Ohio Department of Health goes to show how much work staff put in everyday as it is not easy to receive a deficiency free survey.

Congratulations to Anna and her team for an outstanding review!

- Janelle Wehrman, CEO



STAFF APPRECIATION

October 12th started out with some rain but turned into a beautiful day as we held our 3rd annual Staff Appreciation Day event. Employees were treated to a meal and then awards were given out for categories such as outstanding attendance, documentation, positive personality, creativity, WOW award, Teamwork Award, Standing Ovation Award and Employee of the Year Award. Employees were also recognized for their years of service.



Employee of the Year: Shawn



Creativity: Francie



Positive Personality & 6 years of service



Appreciation dinner and Awards

STAFF SPOTLIGHTS

Van Wert County

Rachel Simpson was hired in January of 2023. She works at the Van Wert ADS location and fills in at the group home. Rachel is the mom of 4, 2 human daughters and 2 four legged, furry boys. Rachel comes to work every day with a positive attitude ready to take on the day. Rachel's co-workers say she treats everyone with respect and ensures their dignity. She is thoughtful, creative, and inclusive. She is funny and fun to be around. When asked what Rachel's favorite thing about working at MRSI was she stated the clients and that no two days are the same. We are lucky to have Rachel on our team!



Mercer County

Mike Burke, has been employed at WSGH for fourteen months. Mike works full time on 2nd shift, and has been helping with training new employees. Mike lives in St. Henry, Ohio with his wife Stacey. Mike has 5 children and 11 grandchildren. In his free time Mike enjoys riding his motorcycle, playing with his dogs, and spending time with his grandchildren. Mike previously was employed with Hemmelgarn and Sons for 37 years before coming to MRSI, and served on the St. Henry EMS for 18 years as well. When asked what his biggest goal for his position at WSGH he answered it is to enhance the quality of life of my residents. Mike says he has enjoyed building trusting relationships with each individual and helping them becoming independent. Mikes career goals are to work with MRSI until he retires.



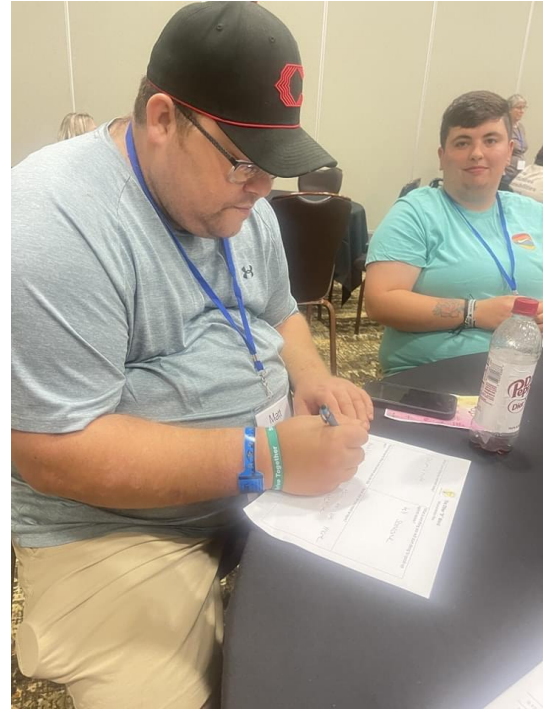
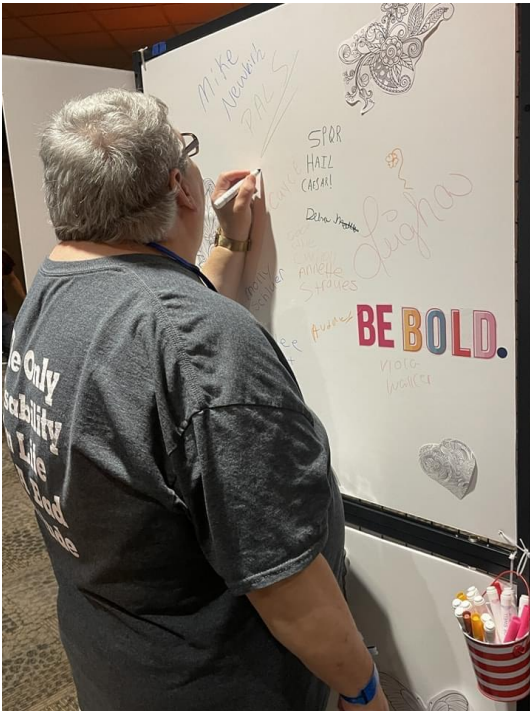
FLU PREVENTION

Flu season has arrived and it's important to take precautions to help prevent you from getting the flu or spreading it. Avoid close contact with people who are sick and if you are sick limit contact with others. Cover your nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing and wash your hands often. Hand washing is the number one thing to do to prevent the spread of disease. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth. Clean and disinfect surfaces and objects that could be contaminated and get your flu shot. Area health departments have walk in clinics or you can schedule an appointment. Flu shots are also available at Walmart and local pharmacies. Doing these things can help you from getting sick and help prevent the spread.

Shannon Heindel

WAYNE ST.

Wayne Street Group Home has had a fun packed summer! We attended the fair, some festivals, and even attended a wedding. Wayne Street is looking forward to some fun fall events. Two of our clients attended the People's First Convention at Kalahari. Our Staff Appreciation Day was a success. We would like to thank our amazing staff for everything they do.



GAY ST.

Greetings from Gay St., our fabulous gal pals have been busy little beavers! We started summer off with a trip to state track and bowling in Columbus where we brought home some metals. We watched fireworks in VW and had a cook out with our sister house and had some pool time. Of course we had to show off our fantastic softball skills and played a game in Delphos with Beyond Expectations at stadium park for the 4th holiday. Our one and only Miss Sharon turned 70 this year and boy did we celebrate, complete with an Ohio State cake! Our most memorable trip took place as we ventured off to Great Wolf Lodge and had a howling good time with the Linden ladies. We put on our stomping shoes and went to the fair to watch Confederate Railroad live in concert. Goodness with the never ending adventures we have had this past summer I just can't wait to see where fall takes us! Stay tuned for our next adventures!

Amy Bennett, Gay Street.

In May 1996, Wanda began working at MRSI as our RN for the mud pike group home. In 2013, when the mud pike group home closed and the Wayne Street group home opened, she was instrumental in helping the individuals transition into their new home. Wanda has seen many changes in the developmental disability field over the years and she has met many new staff over her 27 years with MRSI. One thing that has not changed has been the individuals receiving consistent medical care. When anyone had a question regarding past medical history, Wanda has been the go to person who would know the answer. October 14th will be a sad day for everyone at the WSGH as Wanda has decided it is time to pursue a new career opportunity. All of us at MRSI wish nothing but the best for Wanda.

- Janelle Wehrman, CEO



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